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CURRENT COMMENT

BY FREDERIC HEATH.

Japan has a yellow peril. Chinese laborers who work for less wages than the poorly paid natives are underbidding native labor in some parts of the islands.

If one person starved in a family while others had a super-abundance, what would you think of such a family? And what can you think of a nation that starves some and surfeits others?

Don't think because the capitalist parties are shot to pieces that capitalism is also. Perhaps the thought! Capitalism will fix up the lines again as soon as it sees the way to do it to the best advantage in pulling the wool over the eyes of the easily-gulled.

In the railway strike in Spain that has been won by the workers, the king did all in his power to aid the roads. Kings and presidents, it makes no difference. When it comes to a question of the dollar versus the man they are on the side of the dollar every time.

In the recent elections in Connecticut the Socialist winnings were kept from the reading public by the Associated Press and other news services. In Plymouth we elected 14 officials, also electing candidates at Rockville and other places, besides making a big increase in the size of the vote.

About the best prize joke of the campaign is the chatter of Wilson, the governor of the state in which most of the trusts are incorporated, about what he will do to the trusts if he is elected. He's like Roosevelt, under whom the trusts flourished as never before and yet who wants the people to just let him get at 'em!

Who has the property? You haven't. Somebody must have it, for there is an awful lot of it being piled up day after day by the great industries of the land. Every industrial center is a veritable Niagara for producing wealth—what class gets it? Not the working class. And yet industry ought to get a greater reward than idleness. Think this over.

According to a Russian exchange agent, the long time worker in the Socialist movement who was found to be a spy, is now seeking to rehabilitate himself with the movement. All he asks, he says, is a fair trial, but what is to take place in the presence of Bureau and his wife. He promises if death sentence is then pronounced on him by the trial that he will commit self-destruction within 24 hours.

The Menace, a paper published in the interests of the anti-Catholics, recently printed a claim that the Socialist party was a Jesuit. Later it printed a denial of the statement, sent in by a Socialist. Whether Barnes was brought up in the Catholic faith I do not happen to know, but it is ridiculous. Later, Barnes sends a reply which will be found on another page.

And while the crooks, lay and clerical, are trying to poison people with lies about the relation of Socialism to the home, the Socialists wherever they get the chance are throwing up the scandalous and debauched who hurl their stinkpots at us are secretly worried at. In Australia the labor government that is made up largely of Socialists argued for the same thing to be built and paid for on the small weekly payment system. Also the government has 12 million already in its old age and invalid fund.

Frankish Industrial Workers have been making themselves particularly obnoxious in San Francisco. Since the season and out for the right of free speech for themselves these same worthies tried to break up a Bryan meeting there recently, not to mention various meetings of our party suddenly disturbed by the same crowd of irresponsible. The local party was forced to issue a public statement repudiating the crowd and exposing their false claim of being Socialists. They are of a piece with the poor, half-baked S. P.'s of no use to themselves nor to anyone else.

The Hamburger Echo has just celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday. Its story is interesting. It first appeared under the name Die Arbeiter-Zeitung, but was suppressed under the Anti-Socialist law, and the editors told that no new paper would be tolerated. They then hit upon the clever idea of publishing nothing original, but only articles which had already been published in some other paper—hence its name of "Echo." Anything that the editors wished to publish they had first to get into another paper, and then republish it in their own. In this way the prohibition was evaded. This kind of thing did not happily last long; the fetters were soon loosed, and the paper now stands in the front ranks of the German press.

The following from London Justice regarding the Bulgarian Socialists will be read with interest just now, when Bulgaria is reddening its hands with the blood of the infidel Turks: "The Bulgarian Social-Democracy is, of course, against a war. The 'Radical' faction is sharply opposed to the autonomy of Macedonia, which would be no solution to the Balkan question. For an autonomous Macedonia would still be the same apple of discord for the rival Balkan States and dynasties and for European diplomacy as an

"The Man Who Pays the Fiddler May Also Name the Tune"

For President



Eugene V. Debs

The trust question cannot be solved by the Democratic or the Republican party. It may take even the Socialists some years to solve that great problem.

You would get a great deal of relief and improvement during that time, however, if the people elect a good number of Social-Democrats to congress.

If Wilson and the Democratic ticket should be elected, what will the common people profit?

Will there be any change in economic conditions except possibly for the worse? Will your food be cheaper? Will your work come easier? Will the trusts release their grip upon the people?

The only possible change through Democratic rule may be a panic. It is due anyway within a year or two—only the Democrats may bring it on about six months sooner.

As for the old parties, including the Progressives, they are all more or less owned by the trusts.

You know who is financing the Republican party. If you don't just read the reports in the papers. You know who is financing the Democratic party. If you don't just read the reports of the congressional investigations.

U. S. Ryan of the Labor Trust gave \$50,000 in one lump to the Democrats. And Ryan is supporting Wilson now.

You know who is financing the Bull Moose. Perkins of the Steel and Harvester Trust denies that he gave \$50,000. He gave no such sum, but he gave, of course, a smaller amount. And so did other trust magnates.

And we need not tell you who is financing the party of the Socialists. It is financed by the workers themselves.

But remember: He who is paying the fiddler has the right to name the tune.

You know the tune the Republicans and Democrats have played for 40 years and longer. And you know what to expect from the Social Democrats.

Vote for Debs and Seidel and the straight party ticket.

For Vice-President



Emil Seidel

Better Vote for Something You Want Even If You Don't Get It At Once

BY VICTOR L. BERGER

Debs is quoted as having said that "This is our year." It is. And so was every year since 1847. Only the working class did not have the good sense to obtain it.

And it will depend entirely on the intelligence of the American working men whether 1912 will make good.

There can be no question that the main expression of the class struggle in this century is at the ballot box—although we in nowise underestimate the importance of the economic organization and of the co-operative movement.

And the choice is really easier this year than ever before.

Besides ours, there are three tickets in the field, not counting the Prohibitionists—the Republican, the Democratic, and the Bull Moose tickets.

But why should an intelligent workingman vote the Republican ticket?

The Republican party has been in power nationally with a short interval for over fifty years.

What has the Republican party ever done for the working class? Whatever it has done it was forced to do by pressure and threats of the organized workingmen.

It has become a truism that the Republican party is the favorite organization of the capitalists. It can never be anything but a capitalist organization.

Why should a workingman vote that ticket?

What has the Democratic party ever done for the working class?

The Democratic party was dominated by the slaveholders of the south before the war and it has ever remained a reactionary, small-

bourgeois organization in every respect, even less reliable than the Republican party. The trusts are just as willing to do business with the Democratic party as with the Republican.

Only of late, since the Democrats found out that the workingmen in the north were beginning to use the ballot for themselves, have the Democrats suddenly detected that they "dearly love the workingman."

It is in Democratic states that the laws pertaining to labor are most inhuman. It is in Democratic states that child labor flourishes most. It is in Democratic states that cotton factories are a hell of brutality.

Why should any workingman vote the Democratic ticket?

And why should any workingman in his senses vote for Theo-

dore Roosevelt and the Bull Moose ticket? Roosevelt surely did little or nothing for the working people while he was president of the United States.

The only claim his platform has to "progressiveness" is the few plank appropriated from the Socialists. We are in no way apprehensive on that account, but we are sorry that Theodore Roosevelt has appropriated only some of the plank, not the spirit of these plank.

Why should any workingman vote for Theodore Roosevelt and his ticket?

Moreover, all of these parties stand for the capitalist system, but Mr. Roosevelt is trying to patch it up, just to make it last the longer.

We realize that capitalism can-

not be abolished at one stroke—that Socialism is a matter of gradual growth. However, all progress in order to be real and effective must breathe the spirit of Socialism and go in that direction. Changes backward denote no progress.

Progress depends very much on the way the reformer faces and the direction in which he goes.

An attempt to smash the trusts, is no progress.

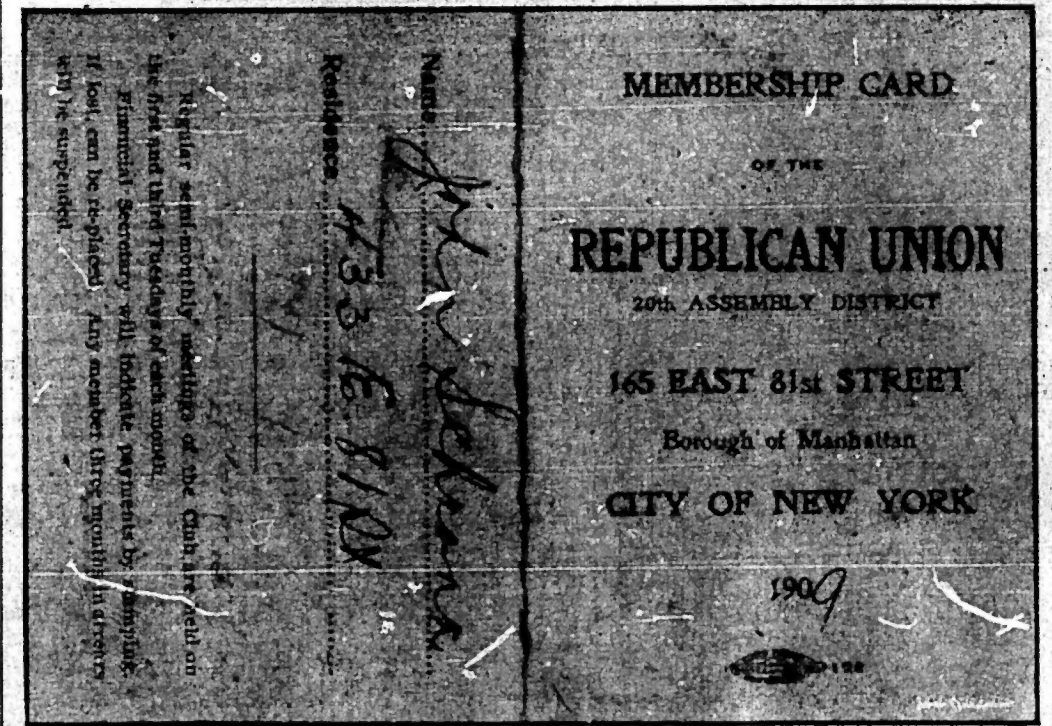
And the old superstition that one is throwing his vote away, if he is not on the winning side, is a silly superstition.

A vote against your own interest Mr. Workingman, is thrown away in the worst way when you win.

As to our party being small and not able to win this time, remem-

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Would-Be Murderer Schrank Was a Loyal Follower of the Capitalist Parties--The Proof!



A membership card in the Republican union, a Republican political organization in New York city, was taken from the person of John Schrank, following his at-

tempt to assassinate ex-President Roosevelt. The above photograph of the card, which folded covers of the card, which folded along the line in the middle. In squares lined out on the reverse

of the card were scribbled receipts for dues, evidently in the handwriting of the secretary. The card shows that Schrank was a true non-partisan. He belonged to a capitalist party, but favored both

of the case must not be passed by, however. Every movement must have some base to make it possible, and the men syndicalism is able to temporarily set upon the workers who have not had the brains to organize into the regular trade union movement and to therefore better their condition, but who from their consequent bitter exploitation are very ready to lend themselves to semi-anarchistic assaults upon the employing class—in mere brute resentment at their sufferings. But they still remain unorganizable. They serve the ends of the notorious seeking leaders for the time and are then left behind whilst these worthless, these boyles and gureys, seek new pastures for their smooth game. Syndicalism carried while in France and then perished out of its own inanity. It has run a brief and farcical course in Great Britain. And in this country it is fast meeting with the disapproval of the working class, which does not think after a quick martyr and which looks with suspicion on crazy-headed men who would serve capitalism by leading labor to another Chicago '88 hanging.

After 40 years of doctor's life I quit and went into the country, am sending fruit and vegetables to market and have been free for 12 years. We are bankrupted by excessive crops this year. Cherries rot on the trees because we can get but 1 to 3 cents a pound for them, while in Salt Lake City, ten miles north, none can be bought for less than 10 cents a pound. Corn fell from 20 cents a dozen to 3 cents; lemons from 10 cents a pound to 16.00 a bushel to 25 cents. Cucumbers from 75 cents a dozen to 3 cents a dozen. Apples and peaches we cannot give away. Beets we are glad to sell for 20 cents a hundred, and deliver them to the customers. Cabbage brings but 40 cents a hundred pounds. Green corn was not salable in the market, and my neighbor and myself fed 75 dozen ears to the cows the last market day. Berries help up well, and we got \$7.00 a case for them.

Now, do you suppose that the housewives got any advantage from these prices?—H. D. in Today.

Lincoln said, "Capital is stored labor." Whose labor?—Ex.

The National Campaign

RENO, Nevada.—Presidential Candidate Seidel and Socialist Mayor Wilson of Berkeley, Cal., started the "big two weeks' windup" of the state campaign here Saturday night, the result of which is hoped to carry the first state for Socialism, elect one congressman, one United States senator, and secure three presidential electors. Seidel spoke Saturday afternoon at Fallon, a Socialist stronghold in the state, while Wilson addressed a big thing Saturday night at Tonopah. They joined forces at Reno.

Nevada Socialists point out that with 11 locals and 107 dues-paying members they polled 2,637, out of 20,000 votes. They now have 37 locals with 1,042 members and tickets in the field in every county. This shows one member for every 20 votes higher average in the nation where four parties are fighting for supremacy—Socialist, Democrat, Republican and Bull Moose—making success easier.

"We're going to poll 10,000 votes and carry the state," declared Congressional Candidate Worden.

"There is greater enthusiasm here than anywhere I have ever been," says Mayor Wilson. There are 27,000 wage workers in the state, among 20,000 voters and out of these there is a greater per cent of union men than anywhere in the country. They are mostly members of Western Federation of Miners.

Troops and state constabulary have been ordered out against the striking miners at Ely and McGill, arousing workers to class interests.

"The only way to defeat us is to shoot the miners out of the state," say Socialists.

The National Socialist campaign headquarters has to continue asking financial aid for the big windup. Someone in Berkeley, Walter J. Millard, national campaign orator, are touring the state. Caroline A. Lowe will enter the state this week to aid in the fight for woman's suffrage.

SPOKE TO VAST CROWD.

FRESNO, California.—Vice Presidential Candidate Seidel's fourth speech in the Golden State was made here last night to a jammed Opera house.

California is placing its hope of electing J. Stitt Wilson, Socialist mayor of Berkeley, to Congress on Seidel's big Sunday meeting, as California is in Wilson's district.

Two other Sunday meetings were at San Francisco and Santa Rosa, the latter being the home of Luther Burbank, plant specialist, whom Seidel had hoped to visit, but the "big two" Sunday meetings, morning, afternoon and night, made no allowance for this.

SEIDEL IN NEVADA.

RENO, Nevada.—The one place that the Socialists in the cities of the west visited by Emil Seidel was at Reno, where he spoke last night.

Seidel began the week last Sunday afternoon at Missoula, Mont., and ended it with meetings Saturday afternoon at Reno, Nev.

In Missoula, Mont., the Socialists were so enthusiastic over the Seidel meeting that they urged the Socialist vice presidential candidate to return as an early date and spend some time with them, and they would defray his expenses.

During the week Seidel has spoken at Tacoma, and Aberdeen, Wash.; Salem, Grants Pass and Medford, Ore., in addition to the cities already mentioned.

All Turn Out.

Gray's Harbor, Wash., is a rich lumber district, and around the harbor are several other large cities of considerable strength. They all turned out to welcome Seidel.

In Salem, Ore., the Socialists were a little bit blue. They had held many meetings, but they proved financial failures, leaving the local organization in debt. The Seidel meeting, however, was such a success that it left them with a surplus of money, and better able to carry on the fight for Socialism. One man in the audience became so excited over Seidel's speech that he insisted on the Socialist vice presidential candidate accepting a \$5,000 place.

"Put it into the collection," urged Seidel.

"I've already put something into the collection, he replied, and he would not let Seidel and his friends take the money. Seidel turned; the money into the national campaign fund.

Visits Sick Man.

One of the pathetic incidents of the tour occurred at Fallon, Nev., where a local Socialist, who has been in the working class for many years, is suffering from blood poisoning. The fact that he could not leave his bed to attend the Socialist meeting was made known to Seidel as soon as he arrived in the city. Instead of going to a hotel, Seidel asked that he be taken to the bedside of the prostrated Socialist. This was done, and the candidate spent some time in telling of the achievements in Milwaukee, where and of the enthusiasm manifested in the present campaign.

Seidel is becoming so well known that he is detected everywhere and approached by many who are interested in Socialism and anxious to know more about it. This is especially true of the traveling men who

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Priest Says Charity Has Failed and That the Church Must Begin to Consider Socialism!

That the Socialist movement is gaining strength every day and that the people of the United States must prepare to face the movement with intelligence was the warning uttered by Father M. W. Ross of St. Alban's church, in his sermon at the afternoon services yesterday, says the Superior (Wia.) Telegram of Oct. 31.

"The man who ignores Socialism today is either a miser, or is not informed at all, or is a coward who does not dare to deal with the issues of the present day," said he.

"Socialism is a movement which is shaking the foundations of all Europe, a movement before which kings and emperors tremble, and which is gaining strength in this country every day. We must prepare to face the fact."

Jesus Christ will be recognized as King, and Lord of Lords. Looking over the world, and recognizing the strength of this movement, if it is true that the world is to be saved, then it is the duty of every man to go forth and fight the movement even unto death.

"It has been said that Socialists are bad men, that they are indels who hate, revile and seek to destroy the sanctity of the home."

"Even if this were true, if every man in the Socialist movement lead an evil life (which is not true), that would not make Socialism bad. If I knew that every Socialist in this country was bad and that the theory of Socialism was right, I would nevertheless have to give my allegiance to the movement without question."

"But the charge that Socialists are evil in their lives is a lie. I have among my personal acquaintances

men of pure and honorable character who are as enthusiastic for the movement as any Socialist orator who ever stood on a soap box—men who are giving their time, thought and money to build up the movement.

"It is true that there are bad men, who live impure and unwholesome lives, but that is no argument for condemning Socialism. If we accepted this as an argument, we would be forced to condemn Christianity itself."

"The thing we must look to is the principle of the movement and not the character of the men in the movement."

Father Ross also held that the fact that those in authority were opposed to the Socialist movement did not condemn it for Christ Himself had been opposed by the leaders of His time.

"This is absolutely true. But let us consider—is the present state of society such as to develop all the good there is in man, does it give him all that his Creator intended, does it bring justice, or does it not rather foster injustice?"

"It is said that Socialism means many things. It is a fact that the name is applied to many movements, from mild efforts at social reform to the theory which advocates direct action, the destruction of the present social state by violence if need be to make place for the new."

"But the fundamental principle on which all Socialists agree is that Socialism is a movement to bring about a condition where the people as a whole own the tools of production and distribution."

"This is the essential thing. Along with this men build up different theories. However, the difference

are in the non-essentials, the fundamental principles they all agree on. The thing for us to determine is whether or not this thing will bring about a condition more favorable to Christian life than that of the present day. If so, it is our duty to do all in our power to further this movement."

Father Ross told of his investigations while in New York city this summer, of the great organizations which had been built up to alleviate the misery on the poor in that city.

"But with all these wonderful organizations in that great city, where millions are spent each year, they do not begin to meet the needs. There are thousands of people in that city tonight who are starving. Because of the inadequacy of the provisions for the alleviation of these conditions, the charity workers must investigate before giving relief—and while they investigate the people die."

"When I asked the workers in these organizations what they thought of Socialism, I found that the great majority of them believed in it. They believe it to be the only solution of the terrible conditions now existing. The consensus of opinion among the workers who come in actual contact with these conditions is that the coming of a Socialistic state will remedy these conditions."

"We as Christians must face these facts. If Christ were living today among men as He did once, would He not take an interest in these matters? If we have read the Gospels, we know that He would."

"The charge is made by Socialists that organized Christianity is against them because it is largely supported by the rich, those who pile up wealth at the expense of the poor. They say that it does not charity instead of justice."

"This is sometimes fearfully true. But the church as a whole does not tolerate injustice. It is the fault of individuals that this condition exists, not that of the organization as a whole."

"After a study of this question I have reached the conclusion that it is the duty of the man who believes in the Eternal God and the All-Merciful Christ to stand out on the firing line and fight for the cause of the working people."

"This question deserves your consideration and it is possible that after a study of this greater worldwide movement, which is an attempt to bring order out of chaos, that you will reach the conclusion that instead of being antagonistic to Christianity it is the ray of hope shining down into the present darkness, and that it will hasten rather than retard the coming of the Kingdom of the Compassionate Christ."

Whiskey Costs Only 12c a Gallon

clause "kill is a barrier that performs the same service as organization."

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Everybody can't take a skilled job and therefore highly skilled workers suffer little competition. But where great skill is not required the only way to get a raise is to get a raise. The power of the worker is a powerful labor organization.

If the steel workers' union had kept out of the hands of Andrew Carnegie and the money from the corruption of certain Pennsylvania bosses that union would have raised wages—tariff or no tariff. Wages would have increased up with the growing power of the trade organization.

This tariff plank is intended of course to catch the Labor vote. It is a bribe to a laborer to vote for working men. It is a bribe to a self-interest. It is the full dinner pail unless all over again—

But fortunately even working men are beginning to think! And they remember—remember for instance, Jerusalem and Bethlehem and Lawrence.

Well, Good Night!

Social Democracy

Campaign Offer

transferred to the state. In what sense can it be said that Socialism is non-Christian and un-Catholic? One says in which this is endorsed to be established is the assertion that it means the expropriation without compensation by the state of private properties of individuals, but this is not necessarily so, and the leading Socialist parties of this country do not advocate for a moment any such proceeding. It is in the name of Socialism proposed to us. We have already arrived at the municipalization of industries representing tens of thousands of millions of money without adopting such a course. But even supposing

...that socialism did mean the expropriation without compensation (which it does not) I am tempted to ask, is it therefore either anti-Christian or anti-catholic? It is admitted that the state has a right to tax property of the subject, but does not a right to tax in-

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gged, as experience shows; the further can not be humbugged. That is why our capitalist reformers do not and can not reform. The working man who votes on Nov. 5 for such reformers, votes against his own inter-

**Barnes Answers the Charge
Made by The Manager**

By J. MAHLON BARNES.
By direction of the National Cam-
paign committee, early in August, I
replied to a letter from the National
Paternal committee, on a so-called
anti-Catholic organization, with head-
quarters in St. Louis, Mo., in part, as
follows:

"We cannot accept the issue which you have stated to be, 'Home Rule or Rome Rule.' The issue is Capitalistic Rule or Working Class Rule. And upon this issue the working class, unitedly must make its

The letter contains sentiments and convictions held by me for more than 40 years.

The "Menace" in its issue of September 21, in an article headed, ROMAN RATE DESERT DOOMED,

“It is now claimed that Mr. Barnes, directing the Socialist campaign, is a Jewell.”

The charge is so silly that “it is to laugh.”

An autohlography is unnecessary.

pa., in 1866. By force of circumstances I was enrolled as a pupil in the Soldiers' Orphan school at Mt. Joy, from the age of 9 to 16 years. Then learned the trade of cigarmaking. From the age of 19 to 22 I was

Bigotry and intolerance inflicted in the name of religion can only be quelled by the professional atheist, and only exceeded by and between

Capitalists, whether religious or anti-religious or without religion, exploit the workers. Their respective beliefs, faiths or opinions are beside the issue.

late. They serve only to divide the workers, conceal and further entrench the exploiters. To this purpose the "Menace" is rightly named. It is a menace to the workers in their fight for freedom.

I am aware of the fact that many of the Catholic church dignitaries, some of its orders and new associations formed by it, are most violently fighting Socialism. But they will not prevail. Socialism will solve the economic question, quite regardless. The cheapest and best way of making and distributing bread has no religious phase.

Moreover, that the "Church Militant" in America, as in other countries, will shortly be glad to be sheltered by the broad liberalism of Socialism which hands irrevocably for free speech, free press, and, if you please, freedom

The Socialist party is the party of the present day revolution which shall free all humanity from class rule and bring about the international brotherhood of man. All other issues are trivial.

Ancient Order of Guessers

BY JOHN M. WORK.

The Republican, Democratic and Bull Moose dope mixers are busy con-

The Republican oracles are confident that Taft will be elected.
The Democratic Dopesters are certain that Wilson will win.
The Progressive pie promisers are

They belong to the Ancient Order of
Gunners.
After election we shall see who is
the best gunner.
But the members of this dignified

There is a liberal sprinkling of Socialists among them.

When the average Social-Democrat asks how many votes we will poll, it is safe to reply, "Just about half as many as you think you will."

The best data in making predictions on this subject is the data paying

Mr. Marcel is melting out thousands of these books exposing the secrets of the whiskey trust on account of the Trust's fight against him. Any one interested should write for this book, as it will be sent free.

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In 1908, we had 41,751 member and polled 434,493 votes—about ten times as many votes as members. In that campaign Bryan was running. He drew the half-baked unto himself and we polled but little more than the

Anyhow, the very best way to throw cold water on the movement is by claiming twice as many votes as we have members, rather than more.

to cure yourself at home by the new
absorption treatment; and will also
send some of this home treatment free
for trial, with references from your
own locality if requested. Immediate
relief and permanent cure assured.
Send no money, but tell others of this

The Tariff a Threadbare Subject

The Republicans, Democrats and Progressives are spending most of their time in this campaign discussing the tariff.

For 40 years our statesmen have thought of nothing but the tariff. They have discussed most eloquently and with all the learning of the ages whether there should be a tax of 3 cents on salt and a tax of 2 cents on sugar or a tax of 2 cents on salt and a tax of 3 cents on sugar.

And the curious thing about this whole business is that the people are interested.

They seem to think it matters whether the money of the government is raised by a tax of 3 cents on salt and a tax of 2 cents on sugar or a tax of 2 cents on salt and a tax of 3 cents on sugar.

Our congressmen are experts on this subject. They can talk about it so cleverly that most of the voters think there is something in it.

They can tell you what Shakespeare, Milton and Dante thought of the tariff. They can demonstrate by the most inexorable logic how Egypt was destroyed and Rome fell because demagogues monkeyed with the tariff.

They know their lesson so well that they can say it forward and backward. They can whistle it in four different languages.

It is said that Congressman E. J. Hill of Connecticut, awakened from a sound sleep, immediately begins to orate on the tariff, and some of these men have actually made the people believe that the \$400,000,000 raised by the government on imports is paid somehow by the wretched foreigner.

They know that YOU DO NOT KNOW that on everything you buy in the stores you are paying a tax. On food and clothing, on iron and steel, on lumber and in rent you pay these taxes.

They come out of your coat of living and you have got to pay the bill.

And I am willing to venture the opinion that for the \$400,000,000 you pay each year on foreign products you pay an additional \$400,000,000 in increased prices on goods produced in this country.

However, you have got to pay taxes. You cannot escape and I cannot for the life of me get up any enthusiasm on the subject. It doesn't matter to me whether I pay 3 cents on salt and 2 cents on sugar or 2 cents on salt and 3 cents on sugar.

What does matter to me is this and what should interest you is this: that your representatives in Washington will not discuss the really vital issues of taxation.

Every other country of the world is putting a tax upon unearned wealth, upon swollen fortunes.

Every other government in the world is heavily taxing inheritance. Trying to lift the burden of taxation from the people and putting it upon the rich and powerful.

Not so here. Our distinguished statesmen are discussing the profound question of whether you shall pay a

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"This Is Our Year!"—New York's Wonderful Debs-Seidel Meeting That Overflowed the Great Madison Square Garden.

IT HAPPENED IN MILWAUKEE

A Denial from Schenectady

SCHENECTADY, New York. The report that the Socialists of Schenectady had secured a majority on the board of directors of the Schenectady Electric Light and Power Company is a complete fiction. The board of directors of the company is composed of representatives of the city, the electric company, and the public utility commission. The Socialists of Schenectady are not members of the board.

Pleads for "Under Dog"

Politics and class prejudice which predominate in the county board defeated Supervisor Heath's motion by a vote of 16 to 2, at Tuesday's meeting, when he sought to have the under dog also figure in the salary readjustment. The report of the committee on treasury and taxes and laws and legislation granting raises in salary to employees in various county offices was unanimously adopted after the Heath amendment was voted down. The amendment would have included the copiers in the register of deeds office, had been killed.

"What I don't like in this report is that the big fellows are the first ones raised," said Mr. Heath. "I understand it, the reason for raising the salaries is the increasing cost of living. But the men on small pay feel high prices more than the ones getting the larger salaries. The little fellows should be considered as well as the others."

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A Million Pieces of Literature

Before the present campaign is over, the county and state committees of the Social-Democratic party will have distributed over a million copies of literature. Early next Sunday morning the regular brigade of several hundred Social-Democrats will be seen throughout the city distributing copies of "The Voice of the People." Over 50,000 copies have been ordered by the various branches affiliated with the organization. A special edition of 10,000 copies will be printed in Polish. Literature will be distributed Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning in the Bohemian, Italian, Lithuanian and South Slavonian languages. Four hundred thousand copies of campaign papers, leaflets and pamphlets have been distributed in the city of Milwaukee alone.

A Goldstein Fabrication

Victor Berger gave out the following: A morning newspaper reports that Mr. David Goldstein said I had written to a man in Texas that if elected to congress I would drive the ambassador of the Pope—the papal delegate, Monsignor Bonanza—out of the country. I want to say that the story in that form is an absolute falsehood. I don't want to drive anybody from this country.

This Country

The Pope's legate advised a citizen in Texas by letter how to vote. But the legate, being the Pope's ambassador, that is, being the representative of a foreign power, has no right whatsoever to advise our citizens for whom they should cast their ballots. If the Pope's legate is not the representative of a foreign power, however, but is simply representing a church, then he surely has no official business in Washington. We don't want to have an ambassador from the Mohammedan church, from the Dalai Lama, the head of the Buddhist church, and from the Metropolitan Patriarch of Moscow, the head of the Greek church. And how about the Episcopalian, Jewish, Methodist and Presbyterian churches?

"However if Monsignor Bonanza wants to settle here and here he is absolutely welcome."

"That is all I have to say in the matter."

Three "eminent" anti-Socialists, whose fame is difficult to extend beyond the confines of the District of Columbia, but whom the "non-partisans" are looking upon with fervent reverence as their deliverers from an unending fate, will speak in the convention campaign from now until election time.

A Milwaukee morning newspaper refers to them as "speakers of rational reputation."

They are nothing of the kind. John Basil Barnhill, professional "anti-Socialist" at so much per, has been making his living for the past few years by "smashing Socialism," and being the power as he is, he is the gullible.

He has been able to secure numerous petty government appointments from congressmen, and last summer was employed in the folding room of the house document rooms in Washington, D. C.

Barnhill was also the "editor" of a magazine, "The American Anti-Socialist." It was a small, unpretentious sheet of 16 pages, without cover, with no advertising, and made but two appearances. Barnhill solicited subscriptions from prominent anti-labor and anti-Socialist people. How much money he got is not known, but the promised magazine never lived. The greatest fame Barnhill got was as a member of a congressional committee on Pennsylvania, under extension of remarks in the Congressional Record, printed a list of anti-Socialist books and pamphlets, "compiled by John Basil Barnhill."

Barnhill has for several years been going about the country challenging prominent Socialists to debate. Recognizing that the man was a windbag, very few have ever taken up his challenges. After each refusal to debate with him, Barnhill has published statements to the effect that "they are afraid of me."

Socialists Oppose Violence

I am a recent convert. I became a Socialist because I was irrevocably opposed to violence in any form. Socialism, by aiming to remove social and economic injustice, takes away all incentives to violence. In the cooperative commonwealth there will be absolutely no motive for such heinous crimes of violence as the recent attempt on Col. Roosevelt's life.

It was no accident that Booth, Giffenau, Colgrove, the McNamara brothers, and Schrank were not Socialists. These homicidal maniacs took counsel from doubt, pessimism and deep anti-Socialist bias. The contrary are soothed and sustained in an unflinching trust in a New Eden here on earth, wherein shall dwell justice, brotherhood and love. Not only have they a firm faith in a lofty ideal, but Socialists also see clearly ahead the winding road by which that ideal is to be reached.

To attain this ideal the Socialist will never, never resort to violence. For the Socialist knows full well and is being constantly reminded by every speaker and writer in the cause, that violence and defeat are synonymous terms. Presently will there will be realized that Socialism is the standard bulwark that the wit of man has ever devised against that vortex of violence into which the consciousness of giant social wrongs is urging the disinherited.

And were an inhabitant of Mars to visit our earth would it not astonish him to learn that a mighty movement that sets its face as a flint against all violence whether foreign or domestic, a mighty movement for human uplift, a movement resolutely beating aloft the banner of the Carpenter of Galilee, should be branded as irrational?

Respectfully,
C. D. TOWSELEY,
Lieutenant, U. S. Army (Retired)
Late Colonel Wis. Nat'l Guard.

Pleads for Sane Attitude

(Continued from 2d page.)

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Now, as I have said, let us meet Socialism and fight it with the proper weapons. Let us point out the evils of Socialism, the impracticability of Socialism; that it must necessarily destroy all incentive to effort and invention. Three hundred and thirty arguments, which it is not our business to go into tonight are those which are to be employed to battle Socialism, but I protest most strongly against falsification of religious thunderbolts, even when they are delivered by our genial friend, Father Vaughan, from a select platform in Queen's Hall, a dake in the chair, and Rothchild's band discoursing sweet music. Persecution sometimes makes converts—damnations never.

Nothing you can say or do will prevent the mass of the nation listening to the teachings of Socialism. The people know and feel the moral disease from which they are suffering and they will listen to all serious people who propose a remedy. They will listen to you, if you are prepared to show the fallaciousness of the remedy; but mere wholesale abuse and denunciation will merely make them angry and will drive them in the direction from which you wish to divert them.

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After the capitalist press had so loudly charged that the man who shot Roosevelt was a "Milwaukee Socialist" or a "cracked Socialist," it must be rather mortifying to them to find he was not only a Republican, but a card as a member of the "Republican Union, 26th Assembly District, 145 East 31st Street, Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, 1909." This card was endorsed with receipts and dues paid by Schrank to the Republican Union. The writer of these notes has seen this card, which has been photographed. The photographic facsimile has been published in the Milwaukee Leader, the Milwaukee Socialist daily. But do the capitalist papers correct their false charge, and admit that this poor wretch was no Socialist? By no means! This lie, once set a-going, will probably keep on its onward march, along with the free-love and religious slanders as long as there are plenty of "bucklers" who solemnly swallow without the slightest investigation every calumny against Socialism and the Socialists. These are the mighty preps of the capitalist system.

During the first three weeks of October, 440,000 pieces of Socialist literature were distributed in Wisconsin from house to house, at the factories and at meetings. Of these, 300,000 pieces were distributed in Milwaukee.

It is a mere confusion of the very serious and grave issues at stake to rely upon them in a discussion like this.

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OSTER BAY, New York.—The visit of George W. Perkins to Sagamore Hill did not apparently disturb Colonel Roosevelt, as it was announced this morning that the wounded man had enjoyed a fine night's sleep. He went to bed at 11 o'clock and slept without awakening until 6:30. It was stated that the second wound would be dressed some time today by Dr. Lambert, who will come from New York for that purpose.

NEENAH, Wisconsin.—That the Fox river valley, the paper mill district of Wisconsin, has the highest percentage of deaths from tuberculosis of any community in the United States, except New York city, was the startling statement made here at a public meeting by Miss Tate of the Wisconsin Anti-Tuberculosis association. Miss Tate said that in three years there were 1,100 deaths from the white plague in the Fox river valley. She is visiting valley counties in an effort to have a sanatorium built for the joint use of adjacent counties.

The Jewish Daily Forward, which has the largest circulation of any foreign paper in America, reports that when Mayor O'Sullivan of New York was presented last Monday night with extras, that bore red lines: Socialists assassinate Roosevelt. "Roosevelt was shot by a Communist," and similar lies, the mayor exclaimed: "This is impossible. This is a falsehood. I can disagree with the Socialists but everybody must admit that their teachings are noble ones, full of the highest ideals."

From National Headquarters
The vote of the Farm Journal of Philadelphia for October: Debs, 236; Roosevelt, 222; Wilson, 151; Taft, 187; Chaffin, 53.

A straw vote taken in a Philadelphia high school last: Debs, 48; Taft and Roosevelt, each 18; Wilson, 4.

The American Socialist press includes five English dailies, eight dailies in foreign languages, 22 weeklies in English, 26 weeklies in foreign languages, 10 monthly English publications, and two monthlies in foreign tongues.

The Karl Marx Literary association of Philadelphia will hold a four-cornered debate in Hammer Mannerchor hall, 122



The Trusts Woodrow Did Not Touch.—From Boston Journal.

Labor Congressmen Who Are Treacherous to Labor

That all of the "labor congressmen" lauded by Mr. Gompers are the genuine article, no one with any insight into the capitalist party methods will for a moment believe.

The stupid attack on Socialism by Congressman Wilson of Pennsylvania, put into the records by him for the campaign uses of the rotten old party politicians all over the country, shows how even more dangerous to labor's interests such a man can be than even a non-labor congressman. And others on Sam's list are even worse.

Congressman Gary of Milwaukee, also of Sam's group, a man who flourishes an old union card yet who kicked the Bakers' union out of his office while sheriff of Milwaukee county when it demanded that he cease using scab bread for the prisoners, is also bad.

But still there are worse.

Recently Cary put out a campaign boast of himself from alleged labor sources in Maryland. The thing was a rank frame-up engineered by another of Sam's select list, Congressman Lewis.

Who is Congressman Lewis? Well, we have been unable to learn any good of him. At the same time that Mr. Gompers has been insisting that he is a representative of organized labor in congress he has been the attorney for the Baltimore & Ohio road in Hagerstown, Md., doing what he could to keep workmen from getting verdicts against his employers.

He is naturally a railroad man in congress, and at one time when his home record got too rank to make his re-election probable, his law partner was put up for congress by the other wing of crooked capitalism and sent there to do railroad stunts till the feeling against Lewis died away.

Lewis' smoothest plan, it is said is to swear labor cases away from his own (mining) county into an adjoining farmer county where there is no chance of labor men getting on the jury.

This is a good time to take a good look at the kind of "labor" congressmen that union men are asked to swallow, and so we have secured some facts about Lewis from residents of his own city. A specimen case from his law practice has been supplied us, and is as follows:

Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 23, 1912.

To the Editor: Mr. David J. Lewis, Representative in Congress, Sixth District of Maryland, formerly a miner, and posing as a near-Socialist, in order to secure the votes of the miners in his district, is not and never has been a member of the union, but has served as a paid attorney for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company, which corporation for many years has, to a great extent, controlled the legislature and courts of the state of Maryland.

The following is one case in which Mr. Lewis appeared as Attorney for the B. & O.:

Mr. John W. Kenney and his son, George H. Kenney, aged 18, were employed as track hands on the West Virginia Central Railroad. The B. & O. desired that young Kenney work in its Round House at Cumberland, Md. It is the rule of the said company that its employees must be members of the B. & O. Relief department and have a minor in the family. We must have the written consent of a parent or guardian. The facts in this case are that the son signed the required application, was examined by the Railroad company. Physician and the paper was sent to the father for his signature. The father refused to give his consent and did not sign the paper because he feared that his son would be killed, the proposed occupation being more hazardous than that of a track hand. As he had refused to sign the paper and had thereby refused his consent, Mr. Kenney assumed that the B. & O. would not employ his son, but this assumption was not correct and the youth was employed September 3, 1912, by the B. & O. as helper in the work of repairing engines and machinery in the Round House, or machine shop. While so employed he slipped and fell from the pilot of an engine which was being run out of the round house to the yard for the purpose of completing some work upon the same which was not finished, said engine having been "called" by the company's manager of such work. Young Kenney was caught between the moving engine and the jamb of the round house door and

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The Builders' Column
By A. W. Mance

THE LAST CHARGE BEFORE ELECTION.

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We urge every Herald reader in the nation to do everything possible in those three days to convince the wavering that if he wants any of the reforms promised in the platforms of the old parties, the surest way to get it is to roll up a big Socialist vote on election day. A vote for Taft, Roosevelt or Wilson by a working man shows the Capitalists that the toilers are not yet awakened. It shows that they can still be side-tracked off of the main line, which leads to economic freedom and justice.

GET OUT THE VOTE.
See to it that every Socialist voter in your community gets to the polls. Give him your Herald to read over Sunday. Get him as a regular subscriber.

MILWAUKEE SOCIALISTS HOPEFUL.

At this writing everything looks bright for another Socialist victory in Milwaukee county. The Democrats and Republicans have fused. Republicans and Democrats are running on one ticket. The slogan on their billboard posters is, all citizens "fuse to beat the Socialists." If the Socialists are victorious, our victory will be complete.

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DENSELY SETTLED SPOT IN JAPAN

One of the most densely peopled spots in the world is O-dori street, Tokyo. The lower thoroughfare known as Ginza, which runs from near the Shimbashi railway station to Spec-tacles bridge, is made up of several streets with different names, some wide and modern, some old-fashioned and narrow, and if the earth were suddenly to gape open wide in that portion known as O-dori street, at any hour of the day, there is no other thoroughfare in the Japanese city where the results to human life would be more fatal. For had the tide of human life runs the highest. But O-dori street is extremely narrow, so that the density of the crowd does not make the daily figures much above the 300,000 mark. Unlike most of the other important cities of the world, this thickly populated commercial district of Tokyo is situated outside the city walls.—Strand Magazine.

The tools of labor have been developed by the genius of man into such gigantic machines and protected processes that those who work can no longer use the tools with which they work. They will never again get the product of their labor until they get back the ownership of the tools of their trades—through public ownership.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS

thick here in New York we have nothing to do but to get out of the country around? Come on, for out! I've no time to be bothering with you."

So Hans got out the allocks, dimes and quarters and paid the man the two dollars. He of course did not know that he might have had two carriages for that price.

He sat down on the edge of the dock and counted what he had left. It was just thirty-five cents, and he was in New York alone, without knowing a soul.

CHAPTER III. Some Unheeded Advice.

He looked up and across the Hudson, and out in the middle of the stream he saw a big frigate. She lay there with her white gun-ports, tall tapering masts and spars and looked so beautiful in Hans' eyes that he forgot all else.

Presently a steam launch put off from her side, steamed into the slip and made fast to the float that formed the landing place. As Hans got up and walked down the steps to the float a young man in sailors uniform came up among others and as he saw Hans with his cap in his hand he said:

"You're going to enlist? Say, I'm just through with four years. Take my advice and keep out."

Hans looked after him as he walked away, puzzled and then continued his way down to the float. The launch was about twenty-five feet long and had a canvas roof. The seats of the stern sheets were already upholstered and a nice grating covered the floor. At the stern was a flagstaff from which fluttered the stars and stripes. A young man in a man-of-war's-man's uniform stood near the bow and an older one was at the opening in the canvas behind the smoke pipe where one could step into the stern sheets.

"Excuse me," said Hans, "Can you tell me how I can get to Captain Gillis of the warship Minnesota?"

"Do you want to see the captain personally?" Enquired the sailor.

"Yes," said Hans, "I wrote him a card, and I think he will expect me."

This answer and the fact that Hans was dressed neatly in the suit he had made while at Peter Lehmann's made the sailor more polite and he invited Hans to step in and take a seat in the stern sheets.

After a while some soldiers and a few sailors came down and climbed into the forward part of the boat. Then a nice looking gentleman stepped into the stern sheets, looked at his watch and said after a few minutes to the sailor:

"I guess it's time, coxswain, think we're all here for this time."

The coxswain said: "Aye, aye, Sir!" to him, touching his cap and to the man at the bow, "Cast off!"

The coxswain then went forward to the wheel, the launch was turned around and steamed alongside of the Minnesota, where Hans followed the gentlemen up the gangway and presently stood on the spardeck of the ship.

A corporal of marines who did duty at the gangway asked him what he wanted and Hans told him he wanted to speak to Captain Gillis.

"Please step this way."

Hans followed and was led aft to where a

man, in a dark blue uniform and a belt about his waist was walking up and down. At some distance the corporal halted, saluted and reported:

"A young man to see the captain, Sir."

The man in uniform came up and asked Hans what he wanted of the captain? Hans replied that he had written about a week ago that he was coming and that he wanted to join the navy. The officer smiled and said:

"Take him down to the recruiting officer."

"Come along this way," said the corporal, not half so politely as before.

Hans followed him down two flights of stairs and presently stood in a small room with a low ceiling, that had big beams across it and two round holes as windows; facing a man in uniform.

"What's your name?"

"Hans Miller."

"Hans Miller, Sir," corrected the recruiting officer.

He looked over a lot of papers, pulled out the one Hans' father had filled out and signed, to which was attached Hans' letter to the captain. He read Hans' letter and a smile crept over his face. Then he handed the paper to the corporal.

"Take him to the doctor," he said.

CHAPTER IV. Hans is Initiated.

Hans followed the corporal into another similar little room where a studious looking young man, also in uniform, told him to strip. Hans pulled off his clothes and the young man began to look him over. Tried his muscles, looked at his feet, at his teeth, made him cough, walk up and down and then told him to dress again. Next he tested his eyes laying particular stress on his being able to distinguish colors. Then he said to the corporal:

"Send the messenger boy."

After a few minutes a boy came, in a sailor's uniform, of about Hans' age and the man said:

"Messenger boy, take this lad over the masthead and if all goes well to the top, take him over the cross-tree."

"Aye, aye, Sir," replied the boy, touched his cap, and both went up the stairs again, the messenger boy leading the way.

When the spar-deck was reached the sailor mounted the rigging with Hans close behind him and both climbed to the masthead.

"Well," asked the sailor, "how do you like this? Can you go higher?"

"Sure," replied Hans, "That isn't hard."

So they mounted the topmast rigging, and up to the cross-tree they went. Here they halted and Hans took in the fine view of New York and the harbor spread out before him.

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